

I urge you to oppose the AT&T Comcast merger, which threatens the public interest principles that are essential to the Internet as an open and nondiscriminatory communications medium. The

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industry has long been characterized by anticompetitive local monopolies, restrictive control over content and services, high subscription rates and poor customer service. There is every

reason

to believe that these practices will be replicated in the

combined

company's control over high-speed Internet connections. AT&T Comcast will become a powerful media gatekeeper, leveraging its control over the network to exert undue influence over the

evolution

of broadband Internet content and services. The resulting lack of competition, innovation and diversity will harm both our

economy

and our democracy in the long run, with consumers left to bear the costs.

Giant Monopolies and Trusts are completely out of control. They are destroying the free market system that almost no longer exists. Please help to at least curb this insanity.